

REMARKS

In this Preliminary Amendment, the attorney docket number for the incorporated by reference application (now patent) has been changed to the serial number of the application.

Also in this Preliminary Amendment claims 1-9 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. In their place, Applicant has substituted claims 10-39. The new claims are fully supported by the application and in particular the new claims are fully supported by the disclosure of the incorporated by reference application serial number 08/968,598.

An early and favorable action is hereby earnestly solicited.

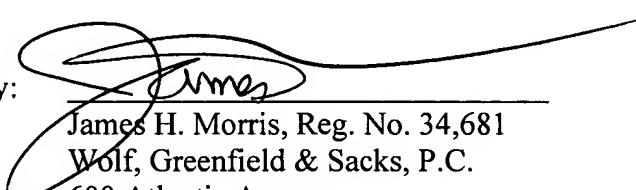
CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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